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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU: GOVERNMENT PROGRAM PASSES

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¶11. According to radio reports from Bissau, the National Popular Assembly (ANP) approved the Government of Guinea-Bissau's policy program and budget for 2006 by a vote of 53 to 36 with no abstentions. There has not yet been a statement by the African Party for the Independence of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde (PAIGC), which campaigned against the program.

¶12. Bissau is calm although Bissau-Guinean military are reportedly involved in efforts to flush Movement of Democratic Forces of the Casamance (MFDC) military leader Salif Sadio out of northern Guinea-Bissau, using artillery and possibly working in tandem with other MFDC military factions.

¶13. COMMENT: This vote should ensure the Government's survival for at least the remainder of 2006. The vote also encourages the international financial institutions to proceed with planning assistance and holding a donors conference. END COMMENT.

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